



**Home Teams**  
DISCUSSION GUIDE



THE  
**Fine Art**  
OF FAILURE

*A STUDY IN THE BOOK OF JUDGES*

**June 9 & 10**

# Lessons in Failure

WEEK 1 • JUDGES 1-2

## OPENING QUESTION

Describe a time in your childhood when you made a mistake and thought, “I will never do that again,” only to make the same mistake again. Compare the consequences of the mistake the first time and when it happened again.

## IN THE WORD

1. In [Judges 2:11](#), the people are turning to false gods and pagan worship practices. Name some of the idols that enslave people today. Explain how the pursuit of power, freedom, and happiness without God actually enslaves people.
2. [Judges 1:19-27](#) explains how the people were not willing to drive out the idol worshipers in the land (Canaanites). What do you think their rationalization for not obeying God was (compassion, laziness, tired of killing, exploitation of slaves, etc.)? How can this happen to us with even seemingly small sins?
3. Reading [Judges 2:12-14](#), the Israelites disobeyed the Lord again. With all of God’s provision and blessings, why do you think they continue to disobey God? Can you think of other times the Israelite’s were disobedient? Are there any commonalities?
4. “Choose the God who saves rather than the things that enslave us.” How does the truth of [Ephesians 4:25-32](#) help us to do that?
5. There were consequences of the people serving other gods in [Judges 3:8](#); enslavement was one of them. This cycle continued in [Judges 5:6](#) and [Judges 10:6-7](#). What is the difference between learning from our mistakes and continuing to make the same mistakes?

## MAKING IT PERSONAL

1. Share something you have learned through failures in your life.
2. Recall a time when a small disobedience produced a large problem in your life? How can you avoid these in the future?
3. In the sermon we heard, “Choose the God who saves, rather than the gods who enslave.” How could you explain this message to a friend in your life? Are there any specific situations you can share?
4. Is there an area/person/thought that is enslaving you and distracting you from true freedom in Jesus? What steps have you taken (or need to take) to experience that true freedom?
5. Most of the time we want to share our victories in life with our kids, friends, and family. How can we share our failures with those who are close to us so they can learn from our mistakes?

## CONTINUED LEARNING

This week, read [Ephesians 5:1-21](#) and [Galatians 6:1-18](#) to discover practical ways and reminders of how we can live beyond past failures to allow God to lead us to freedom in Christ.

# Notes & Prayers



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